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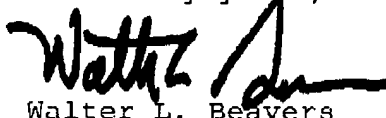
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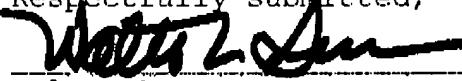
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In reply to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed 30 June 2006, applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-12 without traverse.

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